

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, February 8, 2011, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hansen, Council Member Katzakian, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce, and Mayor Johnson

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Bartlam, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Discuss Lodi Budget/Finance Committee (CM)

City Manager Rad Bartlam provided a brief overview of the status of the Lodi Budget/Finance Committee as set forth in the staff report and the City Council request to bring the matter forward for consideration.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Deputy City Manager Jordan Ayers and City Attorney Schwabauer stated the Committee was formed in 2005, it was Council-driven based upon a desire to review budget related topics, the Committee workload was submitted through the City Manager, and there are some personnel related costs for overtime although the majority of the staff work is completed by those that are exempt.

The City Council generally discussed amongst themselves various matters related to the current Budget and Finance Committee status including the intent of formation, the previous workings of the Efficiency Committee, frustration of past Committee members regarding the lack of purpose and direction, the lack of similar budget related citizen committees in the County, the role of the Committee to review and provide direction versus setting policy, and potential future work product for the Committee.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Ayers stated one of the most important items to come from the Committee in the past has been the General Fund Reserve Policy and topics for the future could include the policies associated with vehicle replacement, capital maintenance and improvement, and dependent funds.

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Bob Takeuchi provided an overview of the Committee's status since its inception and specifically discussed his desire for the Committee to continue through citizen involvement with a specified purpose and regular meetings with the City Council.

The City Council provided general direction to staff to draft a revised resolution setting forth the specific purpose of the Committee, with a time frame for the Committee to become functional, and hold further appointments to the Committee pending said Council consideration of the revised resolution.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl  
City Clerk



## CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Discuss Budget and Finance Committee

**MEETING DATE:** February 8, 2011

**PREPARED BY:** Deputy City Manager

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Discuss Budget and Finance Committee.

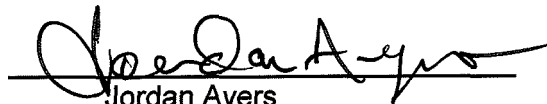
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City Council, at its regularly scheduled meeting of November 17, 2010, discussed the potential disbandment of the Budget and Finance Committee. The direction from Council was to continue this discussion at a future Shirtsleeve meeting and bring an action item back to Council following the Shirtsleeve discussion.

A seven-member Budget and Finance Committee was created in 2005 to advise the City Manager and City Council on finance-related topics. Subsequently, the Committee has been reduced to five members. Currently, the Committee has two members seated and has not met since July 2010 due to lack of a quorum.

Since its inception, the Committee has had difficulty retaining membership and filling vacancies. During the last year alone, four members resigned at various times, some serving less than a few months. Vacancies were posted for the initial 30-day period four times. Vacancies were reposted for an additional 30-day period four times. And, twice vacancies were posted as 'open until filled' with an indefinite application period. Currently, there are six applications on file for membership on the Committee. In addition, there has been discussion since the Committee's formation regarding the purpose of the Committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Staff spends approximately 10 to 15 hours for each monthly meeting.

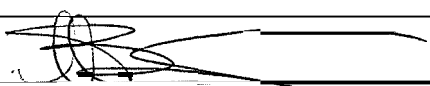
**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Not Applicable

  
Jordan Ayers  
Deputy City Manager

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**APPROVED:**

  
Konrad Bartlam, City Manager